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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION

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Dan McCarthy Office of Research and Demonstration Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services C3-19-15 7500 Security Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

RE: Expansion of Family Planning Services for Women of Childbearing Age in New Mexico; Project No. 11W00111/6.

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

On May 19, 1997, New Mexico received approval of its application entitled "Expansion of Family Planning Services, New Mexico Medicaid". The application was approved as project No. 11W00111/6 for a five year period beginning August 1, 1997, through July 31, 2002, subject to annual renewal. The approval was made under the authority of section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

As you know, New Mexico implemented its Family Planning Waiver on July 1, 1998. We are requesting that **CMS** start our **five-year clock** for this waiver on that date. **If** this request is approved, our project would end on June 30, 2003, instead of July 31, 2002. These eleven menths will enable New Mexico to successfully complete its five-year waiver-only demonstration project and meet the special terms and conditions that define the nature, character, and extent of Federal involvement in the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505)827-3106.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Maruca, Director

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